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RUNAWAYS WERE BRIBED

There has been suspicion that the runaway members of the legislature were bribed to flee the state and destroy representative government in their mad effort to retain control of the election machinery in Tennessee. It appears that the suspicion was well founded, as the following article printed in the Chattanooga Times would indicate:

Proof that someone paid the expenses of the runaways while they sojourned in Alabama and, in addition, paid them \$5 a day each for their services, was furnished by one of the returning filibusters yesterday, who kindly lost a page from his personal notebook in the lobby at the capitol, and it was immediately picked up by an interested gentleman and turned over to a reporter.

Two of the runaways visited the capitol about the same time, and the ownership of the tell-tale sheet lies between them. Whichever one dropped the sheet had somewhat neglected his earlier education, as some of the words are misspelled and no attention whatever is paid to punctuation. But the evidence is all there, written with a pencil, on a sheet out of an ordinary notebook, such as may be purchased anywhere.

Full time for twenty-one days is charged up at the rate of \$5 a day making a total of \$105 that someone must pay. Significant, too, is the fact that the bill is only credited with \$10 cash, leaving a balance of \$117.65 to be met. From the look of the bill, it is evident that some of the legislators, at least, went south on credit, and are trusting some one for the payment of their salaries while they were away.

The original sheet will be carefully preserved until such time as the legislature can be gotten together again, and it may prove the basis for a complete expose of the manner in which the runaways were supported while in Alabama. The sheet which was picked up was made out as follows:

To R R Tickett.....	\$ 126
To Book.....	10
To Board.....	650
To Tickett.....	126
To Tickett.....	126
To Buggie.....	200
To Board.....	550
To R R Tickett.....	126
To R R Tickett.....	126
To Boad.....	225

2265

Cred by cash..... 1000

1265

To 18 days

To 3 days

21 days

10500

\$11765

If this statement is true it furnishes positive proof that some of the fugitives left the state under promise of being paid \$5 a day and expenses for doing so. Their pay as members would have been \$4 a day, without expenses. If the gang left under these circumstances there can be no doubt as to their having been bribed.

The inquiry naturally arises as to who pays the bill. One thing is certain, the regular Democrats did not, and the only persons who can logically be charged with furnishing the bribe money are the state-wide leaders in both wings of the confusion forces.

It is common talk in Nashville that Senator Luke Lee and old man Stahlman contributed liberally to this pious fund.

The grand jury of Davidson county should vigorously probe the matter, and promptly indict any and every person who gave or received any money for criminal purposes.

BRIBERY AND BOOZE

Hon. J. Q. McDonald, the runaway member of the tegislature who tried to get himself bribed last December, has been before the grand jury in Davidson county and that body refused to return a true bill against E. C. Goodpasture on his evidence. The jury asked him many embarrassing questions in regard to his personal liquor supplies, and trip to Alabama. Being a state-wide statesman the Hon. J. Q. denied, under oath, that he had ordered any liquor, and may be indicted for perjury, as it is said liquor dealers in Nashville have several orders for the stuff that intoxicates signed by the distinguished gentleman in questisn.

Bribery and booze appear to be very familiar with the present leaders of prohibition in Tennessee, and McDonald is said to have made several damaging admissions to the grand jury.

To show that ordering whisky by J. Q. is probable we print the following from the Nashville Banner, one of the leading mouth-pieces of the hypocrites now parading as prohibitionists. It no doubt speaks with authority, as its owner was for years a lobbyist for the liquor dealers, and knows whereof he speaks.

More talk comes from Alabama about the charge that Representative McDonald has received shipments of whisky for which he has never paid. This is confirmation of the generally known fact that any member of the legislature can at any time get all the whisky he wants for the asking. In fact it is an open secret, but not one heretofore commented on, that it is the custom for any member of the legislature who wants it to order from several wholesale houses here the brand and amount of his liquor and no bill is ever presented. They are especially lavish to recess committees, and what is known as the commissary department of every traveling committee is kept supplied with the choice brands of whisky and beer.

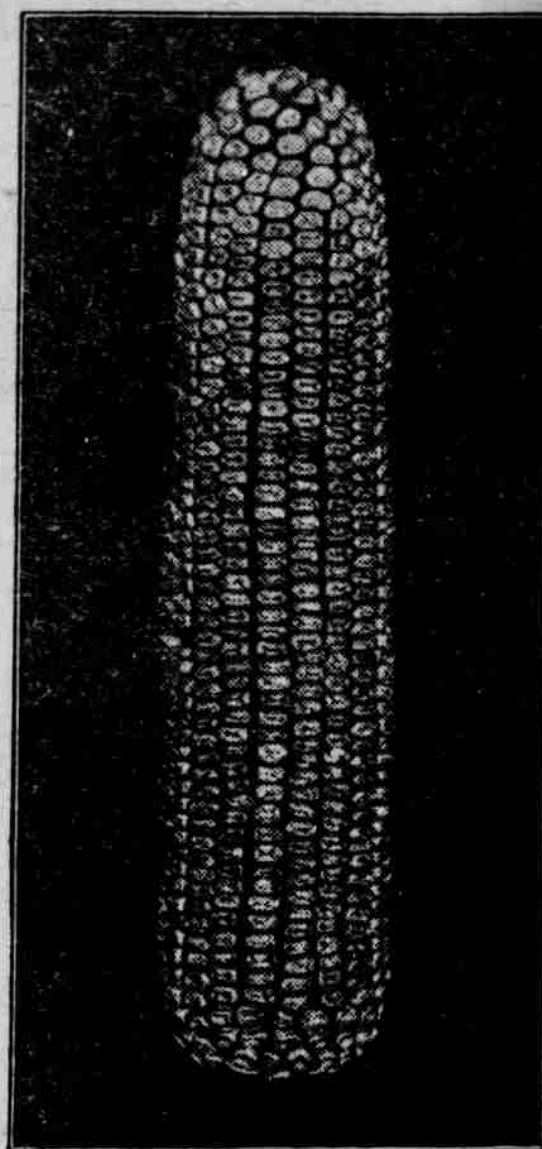
These are the facts in regard to the kind of men leading the alleged moral forces in Tennessee, and prove conclusively that this unhappy state has fallen upon evil times. God pity any moral movement or effort to purify politics when a gang of booze-drinking professional purists and politicians join in the fight.

The only blame that can be placed upon anybody for present legislative conditions in Tennessee must fall upon those members who broke the quorum in the House. Had they performed their sworn duty the session would have finished all necessary business within the 75 day limit and promptly adjourned. The Democratic members staid and are yet staying, are now and have been ready to tracsact public bvsiness ever since the other fellows ran away. These are facts that cannot be set aside by any amount of argument of false reasoning.

The legislature cannot legally adjourn without a quorum of both houses is present. The runaways and their friends know this, but call the continued session a doodle-bug legislature, rump session and other Christian names.

BEST EAR OF CORN

Below is a photographic reproduction of the ear of corn that won the prize in the recent corn show at Columbus, Ohio. It is yellow dent and said to be the most perfect ear ever seen.



Form 3

World's Best Ear of Corn
for 1910

This corn was grown by R. A. James of Charleston, Illinois.

GOVERNOR AND PROHIBITION

The criticism of the governor for a failure to enforce the prohibition laws is not just—he has been given no power to enable him to do that—the duty in that regard rests with the criminal courts and the county and city officials.—Nashville Banner.

The Evening Hypocrite having at last admitted the truth in this particular case, will it be kind enough to tell the people why it slandered, abused and lied about Gov. Patterson for not enforcing the prohibition laws. The whole state-wide crowd might join the Banner in informing us why one governor should be cursed for the same thing his successor is under no obligation to do. The laws have not changed. Hooper has as much right to enforce the laws as Patterson had, no more and no less. Hooper promised to do so. Let him get busy.

Not one licensed distillery in Tennessee was operated after the manufacturers' law became effective, until Prohibitionist Hooper became governor. Now the Jack Daniels "pisen plant" is running full time. What is the governor going to do about it, and what do the sincere prohibitionists of the state think of present conditions? It looks like they have been fooled into throwing down the real friends of temperance and helping a liar or hypocrite—if not both—into the governor's chair.

No legislature was ever known to force the attendance of members when a quorum was present, because the absent ones are not needed. Yet the confusionists in Tennessee claim that less than a quorum cannot force attendance. If that be true the constitution is a joke.